

JUDICIAL ENQUIRY INTO THE POLICE FIRING AT HUBLI.

* Q.—511. Sri F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the Police atrocities committed on the respectable merchants of Hubli on 11th of last month;

(b) whether they are aware that it finally resulted into Police firing on the next day;

(c) whether they are also aware that the Police firing was unnecessary and could be easily avoided;

(d) the number of persons injured during the Police firing and their names, occupations and addresses;

(e) whether it is a fact that the public from Hubli and other places, the D.C.C., the Bar Association and other democratic institutions have demanded for a judicial enquiry into the firing;

(f) if so, whether Government will revise the order by entrusting the enquiry to a judicial officer instead of an executive officer?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(a) to (c) No reply can be given now. The enquiry report will have to be awaited.

(d) *Vide* statement below.

(e) A few suggestions were received.

(f) No.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name	Occupation	Address
Sriyuths.—			
1.	Jaiwant Srinivas Prabhu.	Mazdoor	Old Hubli.
2.	Venkataraman Shambhat.	Tea Shop owner.	Dargabail, Hubli.
3.	Shivaji Laxman Ingale.	Painter	Myadar Oni, Hubli.
4.	Raju Satya Pujari.	Hotel Servant	do
5.	Nagayya Rachayya Ganagachari.	Mazdoor	Virapur Oni, Hubli.
6.	Dattusing Gopalsing Hojare.	do	Marathgalli, Hubli.
7.	Chandrasekhar Siddappa Ninbargi.	Servant in Tea Shop	Jolalavar Oni, Hubli.
8.	Nagappa Ramappa alias Ramayya.	do	Dargabail, Hubli.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it not a fact that the enquiry entrusted to the Divisional Commissioner is not a judicial enquiry?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Obviously, it is not a judicial enquiry.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—It is stated that no reply can be given now to questions (a) to (c). What is the reason for not giving a reply?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The question is whether they are aware of the atrocities committed. Whether they were atrocities is itself questionable. Such being the case, how can you expect the Government to answer?

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know the reason why the Police are suspended if atrocities are not committed?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Atrocities means so many things; but Government did want to find out what are all the things that have taken place, particularly from the administrative side. In the light of the facts, some cases are already pending before the court of law. The enquiry was ordered to be made *in camera* and subsequently we have also been examining whether even that is necessary before the judicial pronouncement is made.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What was the *prima facie* case made out against these police officers who were suspended; is it due to the atrocities committed by them that they were suspended?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not know what meaning the Hon'ble gives to the word atrocities. The term has so many meanings.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, my question has not been answered. I want to know whether a *prima facie* case has been made out against the police officer who are suspended, before they were suspended?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, suspension orders are generally issued where Government feels *prima facie* that there has been some omissions and commissions on the part of the concerned officers. *Prima facie* Government have suspended for some omissions and commissions which are under enquiry.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is it a fact the police officers were suspended without enquiry are giving them any opportunity to explain their case before the enquiry officer?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member was in service for more than 20 years and he knows without *prima facie* case, nobody will be suspended.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—My question is whether those officers, though they have discharged their duties, who are suspended were given an opportunity to explain themselves?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—For the due discharge of governmental duties, nobody would be suspended. It is only when the Government feels that there is some *prima facie* omission or commission on their part they will be suspended and the matter will be enquired into.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Were they given the opportunity?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Everything provided under the rules would be followed.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In answer to (c), it is merely said that a few suggestions were received. Is it or is it not true that judicial enquiry was demanded by all of them?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, some wanted judicial enquiry; somebody else wanted some other enquiry. Some individuals have written to Government as to what they would like to be done.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the action taken?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As already pointed, the Divisional Commissioner is appointed to enquire into the matter and make a report and in the meanwhile, cases have also been launched.

INSPECTION OF OFFICES BY MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS.

*Q.—224. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Ministers and Deputy Ministers inspect their own offices with a view to ascertaining the efficient and quick despatch of work;

(b) the number of such inspections made during the tenure of office of the present Ministry and whether inspection notes have been issued.

(c) whether these inspection notes issued if any have been followed up to reduce the pendency of papers and afford relief to the public who are affected by inordinate delay in the despatch of Government business?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Will not arise in view of clause (a).

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, may I presume by this answer that the Ministers and Deputy Ministers are ignorant of what is going on in their offices in respect of Government work?

†Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, the Hon'ble Member who has put the question has put it so vaguely that he can presume like that.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My question is whether the Ministers and Deputy Ministers inspect their offices and find out what papers are pending. Can you ask a more definite question?